

SAMPLE BALLOT

State General Election Ballot

Instructions to Voters:
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City Questions City of Sebekä	School District Offices	Special District Offices
To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.	<p>School Board Member Independent School District No. 821 (Menahga) Vote for Up to Three</p> <input type="radio"/> Durwin Tomperi <input type="radio"/> Katie Howard <input type="radio"/> Andrea Haverinen <input type="radio"/> Bob Smith <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any	<p>United Hospital District Board Member City of Staples Vote for One</p> <input type="radio"/> Mary Theurer <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any <p>United Hospital District Board Member Town of Thomastown Vote for One</p> <input type="radio"/> E. Paul Wicht <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any
<p>City Question</p> <p>Sunday On-Sale of Liquor</p> <p>Shall the city council be allowed to issue on-sale licenses to restaurants, clubs, and hotels for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail on Sundays?</p> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<p>School Board Member Independent School District No. 818 (Verndale) Vote for Up to Three</p> <input type="radio"/> Scott Veronen <input type="radio"/> Tony Stanley <input type="radio"/> Bill Blaha <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any	
	<p>School Board Member Independent School District No. 2155 (Wadena-Deer Creek) Vote for Up to Three</p> <input type="radio"/> Peter Hayes <input type="radio"/> Ann Pate <input type="radio"/> Becca Grieger <input type="radio"/> Melissa Seelhammer <input type="radio"/> Kevin Klawitter <input type="radio"/> Tammy Kircher <input type="radio"/> Gail Vittetoe <input type="radio"/> Ryan Damlo <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any	
	<p>School Board Member Independent School District No. 820 (Sebekä) Vote for Up to Four</p> <input type="radio"/> JoAnn Olson <input type="radio"/> Bryan Pederson <input type="radio"/> Nate Erickson <input type="radio"/> Russell Glen Johnson <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any	
	<p>School Board Member Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples-Motley) Vote for Up to Three</p> <input type="radio"/> Robert L. Follis <input type="radio"/> Mary Freeman <input type="radio"/> Bruce F. Lund <input type="radio"/> Brad Anderson <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any	
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Veterans Notes

DAVID ANDERSON
Wadena County Veterans Service Officer

VA Community Emergency Medical Care

During a medical emergency, veterans should immediately seek care at the nearest medical facility. A medical emergency is an injury, illness or symptom so severe that without immediate treatment, you believe your life or health is in danger. If you believe your life or health is in danger, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency department (ED) right away. Veterans do not need to check with VA before calling for an ambulance or going to an ED. During a medical emergency, VA encourages all veterans to seek immediate medical attention without delay. A claim for emergency care will never be denied based solely on VA not receiving notification prior to seeking care.

It is, however, important to promptly notify VA after receiving emergency care at a community ED. Notification should be made within 72 hours of admission to a community medical facility. This allows VA to assist the veteran in coordinating necessary care or transfer, and helps to ensure that the administrative and clinical requirements for VA to pay for the care are met.

Important: An emergency department (ED) is a facility that is staffed and equipped to provide emergency treatment and does not include community facilities that provide medical treatment in situations other than emergencies.

Service-Connected Emergency Care In general, VA can pay for emergency medical care at a local ED for a veteran's service-connected condition, or if the care is related to a veteran's service-connected condition. Specifically, emergency medical care for a veteran's service-connected or related (adjunct) condition(s) is eligible for VA payment as long as VA wasn't reasonably available to provide the care.

In accordance with the following situations and requirements, VA can pay emergency care costs for:

1. A veteran who receives emergency treatment of a service-connected, or adjunct condition* in a community emergency department; or
2. A veteran who is Permanently and Totally disabled (P&T) as the result of a service-connected condition is eligible for emergency treatment of ANY condition; or
3. A veteran who is participating in a VA Vocational Rehabilitation Program, and who requires emergency treatment to expedite their return to the program, is eligible for emergency treatment for any condition; and (scenarios 1-3 must all meet #4)
4. The emergency was of such a nature that the veteran (or other prudent layperson without medical training) would reasonably believe that any delay in seeking immedi-

ate medical attention would cause their life or health to be placed in jeopardy.

*A service-connected condition is one that has been adjudicated by the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) and a disability rating has been granted. An adjunct condition is one that, while not directly service-connected, is medically considered to be aggravating a service-connected condition.

Note: Legal authorities and payment methods for VA payment for emergency care for service-connected conditions are contained in Title 38 U.S.C. §1728, 38 CFR §17.120 and 38 CFR §17.132.

Nonservice-connected Emergency Care VA can also pay for emergency medical care at a community ED for a veteran's nonservice-connected condition. However, there are several requirements and factors that affect the extent to which VA can cover those services. Specifically, emergency medical care for a veteran's nonservice-connected condition(s) is eligible for VA payment when all of the five following elements are true:

1. Care was provided in a hospital emergency department (or similar public facility held to provide emergency treatment to the public); and
2. The emergency was of such a nature that the veteran (or other prudent layperson without medical training) would reasonably believe that any delay in seeking immediate medical attention would cause their life or health to be placed in jeopardy; and
3. A VA medical facility or another Federal facility was not reasonably available to provide the care; and
4. The veteran is enrolled and has received care within a VA facility during the 24 months before the emergency care; and
5. The veteran is financially liable to the provider of emergency treatment.

There are limitations on VA's ability to provide coverage when a veteran has other health insurance (OHI). If OHI does not fully cover the costs of treatment, VA can pay certain costs for which the Veteran is personally liable.

- By law, VA cannot pay:
- Copayments
 - Coinsurance
 - Deductibles
 - Similar payments a veteran may owe to the provider as required by their OHI

VA is also legally prohibited from providing coverage for individuals covered under a health-plan contract because of a failure by the veteran or the provider to comply with the provisions of that health-plan contract, e.g., failure to submit a bill or medical records within specified time limits, or failure to exhaust appeals of the denial of payment.

Note: Legal authorities and payment methods for VA payment for emergency care for nonservice-connected conditions are contained in Title 38 U.S.C. §1725 and 38 CFR §17.1000

Emergency Care in Foreign Counties VA can pay for emergency medical care outside the United States if the emergency is related to a Veteran's service-connected condition. Contact the

Foreign Medical Program at 1-877-345-8179 or visit www.va.gov/communitycare for more information.

After Receiving Care
Once a veteran's immediate emergency medical care needs have been addressed, the veteran, a family member, friend, or hospital staff member should contact the nearest VA medical facility within 72-hours. Once notified, VA staff will assist the veteran and/or his/her representatives in understanding eligibility and how eligibility relates to services rendered in the community. VA staff will also ensure that, if desired, the veteran is transferred to a VA medical center upon stabilization and that the veteran is set up to receive additional care, post discharge, without interruption.

Important: When a veteran receives emergency medical care, notifying VA as quickly as possible is always best. It ensures maximum VA coverage and assists VA in providing the veteran the care they need.

Receiving Payment from VA

Once a claim for emergency treatment is received by VA, the claim will be administratively reviewed to determine veteran eligibility. If the veteran meets the administrative eligibility criteria to receive emergency care in the community, the treatment documentation will then be reviewed by VA clinical staff to determine if the treatment received meets the clinical criteria necessary for VA to pay for the care.

VA makes every effort to adjudicate claims for emergency treatment quickly and accurately. When further information or clarification is needed by VA, claims processing may be delayed.

If a veteran is charged for emergency care received in the community and believes the charges should be covered by VA, they should contact the nearest VA medical facility as soon as possible. VA staff will assist the veteran in understanding eligibility and in determining whether the bill received is appropriate. VA will assist the veteran and work to resolve any billing issues with the community provider. [Source VA Fact Sheet IB-10-1119 COMMUNITY CARE Updated April 17, 2018]

As always please see your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at (218) 631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us and as always have a great week.

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Judicial Offices	Judicial Offices
Supreme Court	7th District Court
<p>Chief Justice Vote for One</p> <input type="radio"/> Lorie Skjerven Gildea Incumbent <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any	<p>Judge 1 Vote for One</p> <input type="radio"/> Kris H. Davick-Haifen Incumbent <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any
<p>Associate Justice 2 Vote for One</p> <input type="radio"/> Michelle MacDonald Incumbent <input type="radio"/> Margaret Chutich Incumbent <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any	<p>Judge 5 Vote for One</p> <input type="radio"/> Timothy M. Churchwell Incumbent <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any
<p>Associate Justice 1 Vote for One</p> <input type="radio"/> Barry Anderson Incumbent <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any	<p>Judge 6 Vote for One</p> <input type="radio"/> Gail T. Kulick Incumbent <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any
<p>Associate Justice 5 Vote for One</p> <input type="radio"/> Anne McKeig Incumbent <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any	<p>Judge 7 Vote for One</p> <input type="radio"/> Mary B. Mahler Incumbent <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any
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<p>Judge 4 Vote for One</p> <input type="radio"/> Tracy Smith Incumbent <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any	<p>Judge 16 Vote for One</p> <input type="radio"/> Gretchen D. Thilmony Incumbent <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any
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<p>Judge 12 Vote for One</p> <input type="radio"/> Diane Bratvoid Incumbent <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any	<p>Judge 20 Vote for One</p> <input type="radio"/> William J. Cashman Incumbent <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any
<p>Judge 14 Vote for One</p> <input type="radio"/> James B. Florey Incumbent <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any	<p>Judge 29 Vote for One</p> <input type="radio"/> Shan C. Wang Incumbent <input type="radio"/> write-in, if any
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